

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan for Hays Creek and its tributaries. Hays Creek was listed on the 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for bacteria. This impairment extends for 11.99 miles from Moffatts Creek to the confluence with the Maury River. Tributaries of Hays Creek, including Moffatts Creek, Walker Creek, and Otts Creek are also listed on the 2006 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report for violations of the State's water quality standard for bacteria. These TMDLs were approved by EPA on May 19, 2008 and are available on DEQ's website at http://gisweb.deq.virginia.gov/tmdlapp/tmdl_report_search.cfm.

§62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits, and environmental impacts.

Public participation is critical to the implementation planning process. DCR and DEQ will hold a first public meeting on **June 24, 2010 at 7:00 pm** to inform the public of the IP development and to solicit participation. The meeting will be held at the Rockbridge Baths Volunteer Fire Department at 5024 Maury River Rd. in Rockbridge Baths, VA. Following this first informational meeting, DCR and DEQ will hold meetings for interested stakeholders to join working groups, which will direct the process and provide input to the Agencies.

The public comment period for this first public meeting will end on July 26, 2010. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Nesha McRae, DCR, (540) 332-9238. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Nesha McRae, 44 Sangers Lane, Suite 102, Staunton, VA 24401 (540-332-9238) or Nesha.McRae@dcr.virginia.gov.